

REMARKS

Pending claims – all already allowed

Claims 4-11, 13-20, 25-27, 30-32, 34-40, 44 and 45 are now pending. All of these claims have already been allowed and the applicants are not requesting any further amendments to them.

Claim Rejections – Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

In the 16 February Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-3, 12, 21-24, 28, 29, 33 and 41-43 as being unpatentable over Bonola (U.S. Patent 5,913,058) in view of Sato et al. (U.S. Patent 4,835,677). The applicants still assert that these claims should be allowable because neither reference discloses a software module that initializes the computer (presumably, the control program CP, if any) that is displaced by any other later-loaded software module such that the later-loaded module also schedules execution of the initializing module on any hardware processor. Nonetheless, solely to expedite obtaining at least some protection for certain aspects of this invention, the applicants have canceled the rejected claims, but they reserve the right to pursue them in a continuing application.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims have already been allowed. Consequently, this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

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